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For this challenge, it was pretty easy for me to find a garden to talk to. I have worked with the Growing Food Growing Health school garden project for 6 years now, and in that time I have noticed more and more that there are changes that we could be making. Project Green Challenge, along with a permaculture design class I am taking, has made me realize exactly what we should change. So, at work today, I met with my boss, Jim Lewis, to show him the video I made about regenerative agricultural and told him what I've learned about how we can create healthier soil in our garden. We tend to have a lot of beds that we plant and something doesn't come up, and we don't replant it soon enough and that's just wasted space and mean to the soil. So that was something I talked to Jim about specifically, and he said he had noticed that and that he agreed it was important to always have cover crops in if we don't have anything planted. Jim also brought up that he thought we needed more perennials and more diversity in what we planted to further enrich and build the soil. When I brought up crop rotation we agreed that we rotate most of the crops, but things like tomatoes and sweet potatoes we plant in the same place because we have a trellising system with cattle panel for tomatoes and we have a garden bed which we really just use for sweet potatoes, but we do plant other things in those beds at other times in the year when we aren't growing potatoes/tomatoes. We both brought up some productive ideas but since it is getting towards the end of the season, I'll be sure to bring everything up next year too to make sure we're making our garden as productive and efficient as possible.



An example of one of the empty beds we have in the garden right now. The seeds we planted never came up so it's just empty now.

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The empty looking beds under the cattle panel have buckwheat planted in them, which you can see sprouting up in the photo below.

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